

CREATING A NEW CLUB

Any teacher, parent or student interested in starting a school- sponsored club at BMS may obtain a Proposal Form below from the main office or print this document. After the completed form has been returned to the main office, the application will go through the following process:

1. Review of application by the principal in light of the criteria for school-sponsored clubs and conditions for school-recognized clubs.
2. Meeting with potential sponsor and/or students and the principal
3. Final decision by the principal
4. If the club is accepted as a school sponsored club, the club will be on pilot status for one trimester and a specific plan will be developed by the sponsor, students and principal.

NEW CLUB CRITERIA

To be eligible as a club sponsored by Bigfork Middle School, a club must meet the following criteria:

1. Evidence of sufficient student interest (i.e. 10 or more students)
2. Availability of an appropriate adult sponsor
3. Inclusiveness (i.e. the degree to which the club is designed to appeal to and include students regardless of race, sex, religion, disability, etc.)
4. Congruence with BMS policy and purpose statements for co-curricular programs
5. No significant duplication of purpose, goals, or activities of an existing school sponsored club

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PILOT STATUS

A group initially approved as a pilot club may be approved for full status as a school-sponsored club after demonstrating it has:

1. Been in existence at least one trimester
2. Maintains a membership of at least 10 students
3. Has a constitution describing purpose, goals, and structure of the club
4. Has identified activities
5. Has an identified meeting structure

NON-SPONSORED CLUBS

In accordance with the federal Equal Access Act and consistent with BMS's efforts to encourage the emotional, cultural, mental, physical, and social wellbeing and growth of its students, each club on campus regardless of sponsorship is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meetings or activities are voluntary and/or student initiated.
2. BMS expends no funds beyond the incidental cost associated with providing a space for student initiated meetings.
3. Meetings and activities must occur during non-instructional time.
4. Meetings or activities do not materially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school, nor are they unlawful or otherwise contrary to the mission of the school .

CLUB PROPOSAL APPLICATION

Return to the main office when completed

PERSON PRESENTING THE PROPOSAL:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____

NAME OF PROPOSED CLUB/ACTIVITY:

NAME OF ADULT SPONSOR: (Leave blank if none yet)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED CLUB/ACTIVITY:

GOAL(S) OF PROPOSED CLUB/ACTIVITY (Be specific):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

LIST THE ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS THE STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN:

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

WHERE WILL THE CLUB MEET? _____

WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU INTEND TO MEET? _____

WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN INTEREST IN THIS CLUB OR ACTIVITY?
